

MINUTES OF THE
JOINT CAPITAL FACILITIES & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009, 2:00 P.M.
Room 250 House Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser, Co-Chair
Rep. Stephen D. Clark, Co-Chair
Rep. Fred R. Hunsaker
Rep. Laura Black
Rep. Gage Froerer
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Craig A. Frank

Members Excused: Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Rep. Janice M. Fisher
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble

Staff Present: Steve Allred, Fiscal Analyst
Richard Amon, Fiscal Analyst
Allison Volk, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Kim Hood, Executive Director, Department of Administrative Services
Ken Hansen, Director, Division of Administrative Rules
Patrisha Smith-Mansfield, Director, State Archives
John Reidhead, Director, Utah Division of Finance
John Bennett, Executive Director, Utah Quality Growth Commission
Kent Beers, Director, Purchasing

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the Subcommittee minutes.

Co-Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.

1. Executive Directors's Office

Rich Amon, reviewed the Executive Directors Office Brief along with legislative recommendations and intent language. Kim Hood, Executive Director, Department of Administrative Services, agreed with the Analyst's recommendations and stated the department's commitment to balancing the budget. However, Ms. Hood requested the ability to move within line items to reallocate funds as the department sees necessary.

2. Administrative Rules

Rich Amon, reviewed the Administrative Rules Department Brief along with legislative recommendations and intent language.

Ken Hansen, Director, Division of Administrative Rules, stated that he is concerned with the cuts recommended by the Analyst, but he will the cuts work if necessary in order to give the public the best possible access to the State's administrative rules.

3. State Archives

Rich Amon, reviewed the State Archives Brief along with legislative recommendations and intent language. Patrisha Smith-Mansfield, Director, State Archives, asked that as budget cuts move forward that the committee look at possible solutions to preserve two FTE and information technology costs so that the State Archive Department will not have to remove online electronic records or digital collections.

4. Facilities, Construction and Management

Mr. Amon, reviewed the Facilities, Construction and Management Brief along with legislative recommendations and intent language.

Director Gregg Buxton, DFCM, stated that the cuts are very heavy and take a lot away from the DFCM. He asked the committee to assess the repercussions of such cuts when taking legislative action.

Rep. Sandstrom, emphasized that Capitol Improvement projects are essential and would not be prudent to cut.

5. Finance Administration

Mr. Amon, reviewed the Finance Administration Brief along with legislative recommendations and intent language.

Director John Reidhead, Utah Division of Finance, stated that he is concerned about the lack of internal controls in the administration that the cuts will create. Mr. Reidhead also stated concern over the non-lapsing of funds.

6. Finance Mandated

Mr. Amon, reviewed the Finance Mandated Brief. The brief included legislative recommendations and intent language for the LeRay McAllister Fund, Post Conviction Indigent Defense Fund, and Judicial Conduct Commission.

Executive Director John Bennett, Utah Quality Growth Commission, detailed the LeRay McAllister fund and its funding history. Mr. Bennett stated that the impact of the base budget cuts is that there will be less money for projects in the next year and a reduction of federal funding matches for those projects.

Mr. Reidhead stated that he would prefer not to have a dollar amount associated with non-lapsing funds as shown in the Analyst's recommendations for the Post Conviction Indigent Defense Fund.

Executive Director Collin Winchester, Judicial Conduct Commission, detailed duties of the Judicial Conduct Commission and the effects the Analyst's recommendations would have on the

Commission.

7. Purchasing

Mr. Amon reviewed the Purchasing Brief along with legislative recommendations and intent language.

Director Kent Beers, Purchasing, is concurred with the Analyst's recommendations, but asked for additional non-lapsing authority.

8. Office of State Debt Collections

Mr. Amon reviewed the Office of State Debt Collections Office Brief along with legislative recommendations and intent language.

Division Director Dave Johnson, Office of State Debt Collections, said he concurs with the Analyst's recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. by Co-Chair Clark.

The minutes were reported by Allison Volk, Secretary.

Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser, Co-Chair

Rep. Stephen D. Clark, Co-Chair